

From: gjtmkt@cox.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 12:01 PM
Subject: ConcernedAmerican

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Subject: FCC Vote

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From: Christy S
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Subject: Stop monopoly of airwaves

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Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 3:25 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

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FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
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445 12th St., SW
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The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

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In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

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From: Don
To: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 4:21 PM
Subject: Don't let News Corp increase its stranglehold on our news.

I beseech you to deny Murdoch's application to buy Direct TV. We already have far too few independent, self directing news sources available to the American people. Almost all the "opinion" we are exposed to seems to come from just one or two keyboards; how we look at affairs domestic and international is already too much dictated by a few moguls such as Murdoch with an increasing strangle hold on the finite number of channels which we otherwise might hope could bring us the diversity we are starving for.

From: Williams, Susie (BETV)
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 7:47 PM
Subject: FCC June Vote

April 21, 2003

Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

In light of your upcoming vote in June to determine whether the FCC should alter the current regulations preventing ownership of multiple forms of media by the same owner, I would seriously urge you to NOT make any changes to the current rules that would allow or encourage large conglomerates to gobble up any more independent stations or news agencies. Loosening the rules any further would allow nothing short of the creation of news monopolies in this country, which would seriously jeopardize the very foundation of both freedom of speech and press. When any conglomerate buys up enough percentage of multiple media formats, they control no **less** than the public mind and dissemination of information in the very broadest sense. This can only lead to dictating one-sided viewpoints and threatening, if not eliminating, the equal opportunity for free expression of dissent by those who oppose the views of the controlling conglomerate or its highest bidder. That much power has historically proven, repeatedly, to inevitably lead to abuse and corruption, especially when there are no checks and balances. It won't be a matter of IF, but WHEN our precious public freedom of information and truth in reporting will be in the control of totalitarian news dictators. With that much power and control, selection of candidates and our very election process would be horrendously threatened. And that would only be the beginning, and for all intents and purposes, the beginning of our end.

This country owes its very existence to a group of dissenters. We need fair reporting of diverse viewpoints in order for all ideas to be expressed equally and to guarantee the democratic process. Dissenters have been our conscience in the past. They have made **us** stop and rethink our viewpoints and some have helped put the brakes on extreme viewpoints gone wild. Having a dissenting viewpoint doesn't make your opinion wrong, any more than sharing the viewpoint of the majority, makes you right. Our diversity and our equal expression of it, is what make **us** great.

We've already seen some selective news censorship in recent weeks during the Gulf War. Ironical when you think about it, since we ostensibly went to Iraq to help stop this very type of abuse. If this tendency already exists now, **less** restriction by the FCC will only serve to open the doors to more flagrant abuse by powerful conglomerates if they are allowed to swallow up even more media outlets. Our independent news organizations help keep **us** honest and fair-minded. For the FCC to undermine the continued existence of these independent organizations and our freedoms, would be a tragic disservice to this country, its citizens and our democratic ideals.

Whatever claims these huge, powerful conglomerates might have made to your

commission regarding what potential benefits they can provide to the public if they are allowed further acquisitions of more media outlets, I fear any benefit will be brief, insignificant, and of short duration. The only benefit these powerful companies are interested in is their own power, control and bottom line. Any interest these conglomerates claim to have in benefiting the public would only serve as a means to an end, an end that would benefit the conglomerates the most, not the public.

Please, I strongly urge you to think very carefully before you make any decisions that will, in effect, create a long term media environment characterized by a **loss** of accountability and conscience, and a genuine threat to our constitutional rights of free speech and a free press.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

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From: Cathi
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:20 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation

Dear Commissioner:

This is to advise you that I am opposed to further consolidation of media ownership. We are seeing a collapse of the free press in this country and it needs to be stopped!

C M Lowery
Vancouver, WA
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: susank2@cox.net
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2003 11:30 PM
Subject: FCC Single Vote

Parents Television council alerted me that the 6900 complaints that came through for the Victoria Secret show was counted as one vote. I am astonished by this logic. The 6900 complaints were just that, 6900 separate complaints. Please stop playing around with these complaints and take them seriously. My understanding is that the FCC is supposed to uphold the Federal Decency laws and I don't see that happening.

From: john-cathy@att.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon. Apr 21, 2003 11:46 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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San Diego, California 92127

From: Allen L Hose
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue. Apr 22, 2003 1:38 AM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Commissioner:

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Thank you, Allen Hose

From: upNmountains
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 3/26/03 10:57AM
Subject: Clear Channel Communications

I am just an average fellow in the mountains of Tennessee who avoids politics but I have become appalled at the way Clear channel has used its media power to become an arm of the administration. Especially on organizing prowar rallies. Is there not anything that can be done to bring this to the public view make them accountable? Thanks for listening

gary westley
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From: Carole Marner
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Date: 3/27/03 11:14AM
Subject: Fwd: Clearchannel petition

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>> Dear Clearchannel Executive,

>> JUST THE FACTS PLEASE-WE DON'T NEED THE FEAR MONGERING

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>> The people request, no, DEMAND unbiased reporting, or we will launch
>> a campaign, a campaign of the people to stop your company from
>> reporting biased interviews and stories, and we will expose the
>> monopoly of information that Clearchannel has **so** strongly taken
>> advantage of to the public and make known through grassroots campaigns
>> that the mainstream media is lying to the public, telling them biased
>> coverage. We hope you will heed our request, or be prepared to face an
>> enormous public campaign against your corporate media company.

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>> I am disgusted and fed up with the monopoly of media, and the absence
>> of accurate and unbiased
>> reporting and media coverage. The events of late have truly revealed
>> the corporate media's bias and some of the fear mongering that the
>> media has used to whip the public into support of this illegal war
>> with Iraq.

>> Perhaps it's not bias. Perhaps you're afraid to tell the whole story
>> of this war.

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>> Sincerely,
>> Carole Satrina Marner
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